

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend claims 1 and 9 as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) A near field light generating device, comprising:  
a light emitting element that emits light from its exit surface; and  
a thin film disposed on the exit surface,  
wherein the thin film is configured to transmit light when the thin film is irradiated  
with light from said light emitting element and to block <sup>what</sup> light when the thin film is not  
irradiated with light from said light emitting element.

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9. (Twice Amended) A near field light generating device, comprising:  
a light emitting element that emits light from its exit surface; and  
a thin film disposed on the exit surface,  
wherein the thin film is configured to transmit light when the thin film is heated and  
to block <sup>what</sup> light when the thin film is not heated.